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FROM US MBFR REP

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SUBJECT: MBFR: TALK WITH SOVIET REP APRIL 10

1. IN CONVERSATION DURING BELGIAN RECEPTION APRIL 10 SOVIET REP KVITSINSKIY SAID HE WAS STILL HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN MOSCOW WITH PACKAGE APPROACH SUGGESTED BY SOVIETS TO NETHERLANDS AND US REPS ON APRIL 7, BUT THAT HE BELIEVED IT WOULD GET THROUGH. HE SAID A FINAL DECISION ON THE MATTER WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN VIENNA UNTIL APRIL 13 BECAUSE THE MATTER HAD TO BE DECIDED AT A HIGH LEVEL IN MOSCOW AND APRIL 12, A THURSDAY, WAS WEEKLY DECISION DAY. US REP EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT THIS WAS A MATTER WHICH GENUINELY REQUIRED HIGH LEVEL DECISION. KVITSINSKIY INSISTED THAT ACCORDING TO HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MOSCOW PROCEDURES AND BREZHNEV'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE PROJECT, THE MATTER WOULD BE DECIDED DIRECTLY BY THE POLITBURO.

2. KVITSINSKIY SAID MOSCOW WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO WESTERN COMMITMENT ON THE PACKAGE. THIS CREATED THE POSSIBILITY THAT NATO MIGHT PICK AND CHOOSE FROM THE PAPER AS PRESENTED BY SOVIET REPS ON APRIL 7 IF MOSCOW CONFIRMED IT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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3. US REP ASKED ABOUT SECOND VERSION OF HUNGARIAN STATEMENT. KVITSINSKIY SAID THAT IF PACKAGE WAS APPROACHED, THIS TOO WOULD BE APPROVED BY POLITBURO AND SOVIETS WOULD GIVE THEIR WORD THAT IT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE EVENT THE WHOLE PACKAGE WAS ACCEPTED, BUT IT COULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN TEXT WHICH WOULD BE FORMALLY PUT FORWARD IN QUADRILATERAL DISCUSSION. US REP SAID THIS SHOULD GIVE SUFFICIENT GUARANTEE. KVITSINSKIY SAID NO, MOSCOW WAS STILL WORRIED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY HAD NO PROTECTION ON THE REMAINDER OF THE PAPER. WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE THAT IT BE A GROUP PRODUCT AND EMERGE FROM THE QUADRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS? US REP SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE AN ARDUOUS EXERCISE AND WOULD INVOLVE MANY BRACKETS, INCLUDING THE INSERTION OF THE ORIGINAL WESTERN STATEMENTS IN THE TEXT, IN BRACKETS. KVITSINSKIY SAID IN THAT EVENT, HE FORESAW NO AGREEMENT ON APRIL 13.

4. KVITSINSKIY SAID HE BELIEVED MOSCOW WOULD ASK FOR CHANGES IN TEXT OF THE ALLIED STATEMENTS. US REP SAID ALLIED REPS HAD ALREADY PROVISIONALLY AGREED TO ONE CHANGE. FOR EVERY FURTHER CHANGE IN THE ALLIED STATEMENT, THE ALLIES WOULD INSIST ON A CHANGE IN THE HUNGARIAN STATEMENT. US REP SAID STATUS OF STATEMENTS WAS ALSO UNRESOLVED. THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE PART OF PAPER. KVITSINSKIY SAID THEY COULD NOT BE PART OF THE PAPER. THEY COULD BE MADE IN THE FIRST SESSION AND INCLUDED IN THE PROTOCOL OF THE FIRST SESSION AS KHLESTOV HAD PROPOSED. US REP POINTED OUT THAT ALLIED REPS HAD NOT AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL. US REP SAID THE PAPER HAD TO BE CARRIED OVER TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. KVITSINSKIY SAID THIS COULD ONLY BE DONE IF ALLIES COULD AGREE TO POSSIBILITY OF INVITING OBSERVERS IN ADDITION TO 19 PARTICIPANTS.

5. KVITSINSKIY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK AGENDA WITH ALLIES INFORMALLY BUT ONLY AFTER ALLIES HAD REACHED A FINAL DECISION ON PARTICIPATION ISSUE. HE WANTED TO GO THROUGH THE MATTER RAPIDLY IF POSSIBLE, SO HE COULD RETURN TO MOSCOW IN 3-4 WEEKS. PLENARY SESSIONS COULD FOLLOW AS NEEDED.

6. KVITSINSKIY ASKED US REP ABOUT REMARKS OF FRG REP TO HIM THAT ALLIES DID NOT NECESSARILY WANT TO HAVE AN AGENDA BUT MIGHT HAVE AGENDA DISCUSSION WITHOUT A CONCLUSIVE OUTCOME. KVITSINSKIY SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO GET AN AGENDA AND THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE ONE, BUT IF US REP HAD OTHER IDEAS HE WOULD BE GLAD TO  
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REPORT THEM. US REP SUGGESTED THAT THERE BE AN INFORMAL DIS-

CUSSION OF AGENDA AND THEN IT COULD BE CONSIDERED ON BASIS OF  
THAT DISCUSSION WHAT TO DO THEREAFTER.

6. WE WILL GIVE AD HOC GROUP MAIN POINTS OF THIS CONVERSATION,  
OMITTING POINT OF CARRYOVER OF PAPER TO NEGOTIATIONS AND STATUS  
OF PAPER, WHICH WE WILL SUGGEST IN REPORT TO NAC BE RESOLVED  
AFTERWARDS IF PACKAGE APPROVED. AS REGARDS KVITSINSKIY' S POINT  
ON MOSCOW' S NERVOUSNESS ABOUT STATUS OF PROCEDURES PAPER  
USING PURELY SOVIET PROPOSAL, WE WILL SEE WHETHER SOVIETS  
ACTUALLY PERSIST ON THIS LINE, AND IF THEY DO SO AND CANNOT BE  
ARGUED OUT OF IT, MAY NONETHELESS URGE USE OF THEIR PROPOSAL  
OF APRIL 7 AS BASIS OF REPORT TO NAC AND VEHICLE FOR NAC  
DECISION. HUMES

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